Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 2, 3, 11 and 25 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-25 are present for examination.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification. The specification is amended above to add the newly available serial number information.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings. In the amendments above, reference sign 124 has been added to the specification as requested.

Claim Objection

The Examiner has objected to Claim 25 for a typographical error. This has been corrected in the amendment above.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The antecedent basis issues raised by the Examiner have been corrected by the amendments to claims 2 and 11 above.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Swildens

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Swildens, U.S. Publication No. 2001/0034792 ("Swildens"). Applicants submit herewith a declaration of inventor Satyendra Yadav establishing a date of invention from before the relevant date of the reference. Applicants accordingly request that this rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

Swildens in view of Freund et al.

The Examiner has rejected claims 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Swildens in view of Freund et al. U.S. Patent 6,505,250 ("Freund"). Applicants respectfully request that this rejection also be withdrawn based on the removal of the primary reference.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension. Charge our Deposit Account.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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